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Worship Opportunities

Sundays

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.

Mid-Week

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Patchogue Church of Christ Patchogue, NY 11772

A multi-racial community of believers with a purpose and vision to live holy lives, fulfill the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ by serving each other and our community with compassion, love and the powerful gospel of Jesus Christ.

Records you Made:	7/05/15	6/28/15
Bible Classes	40	36
Worship Service	106	90
General Contribution 2nd Sunday - Bldg	\$2006.00	\$2279.00
Wed Bible Class	20	34
Baptisms/	-	-

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ send greetings. Ro 16:16

Youth Corner

By
Jamal Colson



How do you spell relief? (Part 4)

F=Faith

F= faith; E= encourage; A= attitude; R= repent

Young people, since we began this “mini-series” have you found yourself in situations where fear has attempted to creep into your life? If so, I’d like you to know that you are not alone. Recently, I was faced with fear and needed to apply scripture and thought of the acronym we have been using for F.E.A.R. - Faith, Encouragement, Attitude, Repent.

This week we are planning to focus on “Attitude”. What comes to mind when you think about attitude? Let us explore Jesus’ attitude, or mindset, within the following passages:

Romans 15:4-6 (NIV)

“4 For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide, we might have hope. 5 May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the **same attitude** of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, 6 so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Peter 4:1-2 (NIV)

“Living for God- 4 Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude; because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. 2 As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.”

In conclusion, we understand from the scripture that God wants us to have the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus has so we can glorify God. We also understand God did not give us a spirit of timidity rather boldness.

THE GOSPEL TRUTH

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Real Freedom

The parades are over; the fireworks have ceased; the celebrations are finished and life has returned to normal. July 4 and the nation’s 236th year of Independence is now history. The quest for true freedom however continues.

Nations and individuals who are free ought not to think that they attained that freedom by their own military might, strength, knowledge or intellectual acumen. Freedom is the work of God. It is Jesus who makes us free. Galatians 5:1 says, “It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.” **“To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, ‘If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.’ They answered him, ‘We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?’ Jesus replied, ‘I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.’”** (John 8:31-34)

Jesus here makes the claim that only those who “hold to his teaching will really be his disciples.” Anyone who is his disciple, will know the truth, and when we know the truth, the truth sets us free. To the Jewish mind this was absurd, because they like us, considered themselves to be a free people. Jesus then gave a most profound truth. **“I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.”** (John 8:34)

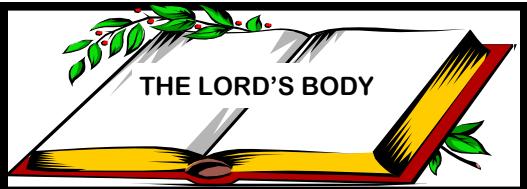
Everyone who sins is a slave to sin! It gets worse! “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” (Rom 3:23). This means we are all sinners under the yoke of spiritual slavery. Before God therefore, this is a country politically free, but populated by a nation of people who are enslaved by sin. If we do not rid our lives of sin and the power of sin, we are not free, we are slaves. Living under the slavery of sin with the devil as slave-

master, our lives will always be lives of misery and unhappiness resulting in the loss of our souls, the most sacred thing we possess.

“Don’t you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey-- whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?” (Rom 6:16). Here, we learn, that from a spiritual standpoint, we are slaves to the person we obey. That being the case, who are you obeying and where will it lead? One answer might be, “I obey myself.” This is certainly true of the majority of people. But do we have the knowledge and capability to lead ourselves in a successful way? Life experience suggest we do not. Is there anyone who has not messed up his or her life? The prophet Jeremiah gave the true answer to this question, he stated, **“I know, O LORD, that a man’s life is not his own; it is not for man to direct his steps,”** (Jeremiah 10:23). The prophet Isaiah also addressed this issue, stated, **“We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way,”** (Isaiah 53:6).

Clearly, we do not have the capability to successfully lead our own lives. We try, but it will always end in failure. We need someone who is knowledgeable and capable enough to teach and guide us so that our lives will be happy, fruitful and wholesome. That one is God Almighty. He wants us to be spiritually free so He sent His son, Jesus Christ who died for us so that we can rid our lives of sin and be truly free. This begins when we accept Jesus as our Lord, and obey the tenets of His gospel, faith in Him, repentance, confession of our faith and baptism for the forgiveness of sins. Until then we are still in bondage.

Lancelot W.



The family

by

John Stallworth

Privileged to Serve 7/12/2015	
Morning Service	
Song leader	Ben Field
Call to worship	578
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Lead	John Sicignano
Assistant	Barry Koeber
Assistant	JJ Stallworth
Assistant	Tyler Dowdy
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Derek Peterson	
Jamal Colson	
Announcements &	
Closing Prayer	Jason Harper
Closing Song #	703

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**LIVING IT OUT –
PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY
BY
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ladies' Corner
by
Paulette Watson

"You go first"

Have you noticed that life has made you a bit gunshy? You know: scared to love. We're so afraid to put ourselves "out there". We've been so discourage, rejected, disrespected and abused: we refuse to put our feelings out there again. "I'll never..." or "That won't happen to me again." Our ability to love has been destroyed. Now, we may or may not accept someone's love. We build walls and keep everyone at arm's length. We reject love as Peter when Jesus was going to wash his feet (John 13).

We may argue, "NO, I would never reject anyone's love." That's good, but that's not actually as far as God where God wants us. Listen to the example of Jesus.

1 Jn. 4:7-19 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins... 19 We love because he first loved us.

Make the first move? Rejection? Would you be willing to make the first move in your relationships? "No way". Well, God did NOT wait for us to make the first move; he initiated. He gave us his best. He even left us the free will to accept or reject his love. What can we learn from this? John highlight's Jesus as a challenge to our behavior toward one another. Can you imitate our Lord and "love first"? Jesus says,

Jn. 13:15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

Mk. 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve

How far are you willing to go in your relationships?

Get up One More Time than You Fall

"Jesus used this illustration with his disciples to show them that they need to pray all the time and never give up." Luke

This parable only appears in the Gospel of Luke. I think it must have made a profound impact on Luke for him to mention it. Jesus didn't just say it to Luke. He also told this story of persistence and petition to the others. They also witnessed Jesus' reward for persistence to the blind and other miracles perhaps not mentioned. All of his disciples knew and studied Jesus' ways and lessons.

I bring this up to ask you a question... What was the difference between Peter and Judas? May I suggest very little?

Both betrayed Jesus; Peter denied him and called curses upon himself, while Judas denied him and sold him to be killed. Jesus foretold both events. Surely we can make the case that both deserved the ultimate judgment against their souls - and surely many of us would have acted in the same ways. So again – What is the difference? Peter used Jesus' lessons and fireside chats to instill the Lord in his heart, so that when his humanity faltered, he would know to reach for God. Judas watched and listened, but ultimately did not allow this to penetrate and when he failed, there was nothing there. Peter got up and he tried again, and Judas gave up. Both accepted wrongdoing as Peter wept in guilt, while Judas threw back the money. Peter recognized his offense to God, and so did Judas. Peter appealed to God for mercy and tried again. Judas judged himself rightly as worthy of death, and instead of prostrating himself to Christ that he might be forgiven, he gave up and executed judgment upon himself for and in his own faithlessness.

Peter made a lot of mistakes. Many have heard me call him a "Ripe Holy Mess." Peter cut off ears, and then tried again. Peter was a vessel of the Devil to Jesus' deepest desires but when Jesus rebuked Satan, he then fixed His gaze back upon Peter and instructed him in how his mind was being used by Satan. Judas also received Satan and was told by Jesus he would betray him (Luke 22:3/Matt26) but didn't know what to do after having been used for evil. Each time, Peter tried again. Judas doesn't appear to have taken so many risks because we don't read of too many of Judas' mistakes.

So it is with us. It is better to stand up and try, and then try again, than it is to listen, read, hear, and not let it sink in. Better to focus upon and test a single verse in real life, than to read 50 this week and have nothing to show for it.

Love: The More Excellent Way

What is love? The scriptures answer this question with two words: Love is "patient" and Love is "kind." The Bible outlines clearly the best way to interact in our relationships with others—it is the way of love. We only need to take some time to read God's word, and honestly seek to implement its instruction in our lives.

The excellent way of love as an approach to life, is very concisely yet powerfully laid out in 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." These verses tell us that two basic elements pervade the character of the person who lives a life of love: Patience and kindness saturate her life and control every thought and action.

With patience she puts up with all provocation, neglect, and snubs from others without resentment or even thinking of retaliation. She endures, waiting in hope for a change in attitude from the offender. Patience provides the strength to subdue anger and impulsively strike out. If we are tempted to say "I have no patience..." we must realize that without patience, we cannot show or live out love. Patience is love.

Love is also kindness. The kind person is benevolent, compassionate, and courteous. Many of us were taught growing up, "Never say or repeat anything unless it is kind and will do no harm." The kind person is open-handed, ready to be helpful, do favors, and be useful, always kind-hearted.

These two qualities encompass all the things that love does not do and the things it does which are listed in 1 Corinthians 13:4–7. Each description listed is an expansion on patience or kindness. Let us pursue love—the more excellent way—the best approach to life.